



## **Memorandum of Understanding on Academic Cooperation**

**between**

### **Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), India**

Ganeshkind, Pune-411007, India a body corporate governed by Maharashtra Universities Act6, 1994 (Maharashtra Act No XXXV of 1994) through the Vice-Chancellor, of the one part

**and**

### **University of South-Eastern Norway (USN), Norway**

P.O.Box 235, 3603 Kongsberg, established under the Norwegian Act on Higher Education of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2005, No. 15 through Rector on the other part.

1.

#### **About the institutions**

Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) is a reputed state university ranked 7<sup>th</sup> among various institutions of higher education in India providing higher education in most branches of knowledge and excelling in research in various disciplines in Sciences, Technology and Humanities and is a pioneer institute in innovating new ideas.

SPPU has identified USN as a strategic partner since 2009, meaning that the cooperation is long term and of strategic importance to SPPU. The cooperation incorporates areas of bioinformatics, statistics, environmental sciences, health sciences and education. SPPU intends to extend areas of cooperation and earmark financial resources for the purpose of joint research and educational activities.

University of South-Eastern Norway (USN) is Norway's fourth largest university, with 18 000 students, covering the area of South-Eastern Norway. The university offers a broad range of studies at all levels, from bachelor's to PhD-level.

USN has identified SPPU as a "strategic partner", meaning that the cooperation is of particular importance to USN. The status implies that the cooperation is long-term, across several academic disciplines and in-depth. USN will also earmark financial resources to this cooperation.

2.

SPPU and USN conclude with this agreement to promote close cooperation and academic exchange between the two institutions. This agreement is based on the principles of equality and reciprocal benefit.

3.

Within academic areas relevant to both parties, cooperation may include (but is not limited to) activities such as:

- Student exchange (3 months – 1 academic year) of undergraduate and graduate students and/or practical placements
- Joint educational and research projects
- Exchange of teaching and research staffs
- Exchange of academic materials, teaching materials and academic publications in fields of interest to both parties
- Development of joint curricula and conduction of joint courses
- Cooperation on e-learning

Other activities may be negotiated through mutual agreement.

4.

Joint research activities, conditions of utilizing research achievements, arrangements, mutual visits and exchanges, and other forms of cooperation will be negotiated in each specific case.

5.

Both institutions understand that all financial arrangements in each specific case depend on the availability of funds, which may be sought jointly or separately, under the main principle that each institution covers their own costs unless otherwise agreed to.

6.

Detailed terms and conditions of individual student and staff exchanges are subject to separate agreements.

7.

This agreement shall be effective from the date of signature by the representative of each University who is competent to sign on behalf of that Institution.

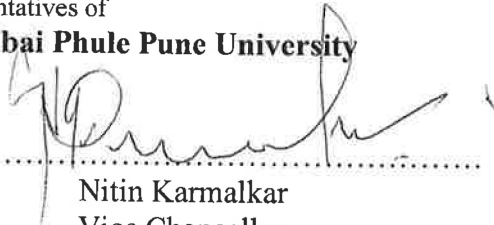
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Once signed, the validity of this Agreement shall be 5 years. Representatives of the two institutions will discuss and decide the extension of the Agreement prior to the expiration of the Agreement.


9.

Any amendments or additions to the agreement must be done in writing, and future separate amendments or agreements between USN and SPPU should refer to this MOU. The MoU can be terminated by any party, giving the other party a written notice not less than 90 days of its intention to do so.

Representatives of  
**Savitribai Phule Pune University**


  
Name: Nitin Karmalkar  
Title: Vice Chancellor

Place: Pune  
Date: 16.05.2019

  
Name: ~~Arvind Shaligram~~  
Title: Registrar


Place: Pune  
Date:

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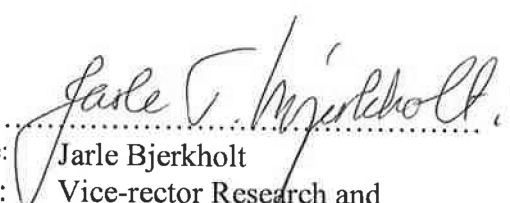
  
Name: Dr. Aditya Abhyankar  
Title: Professor & Head, Dept. Technology,  
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Place: Pune  
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Representatives of  
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Name: Petter Aasen  
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Date: 16.05.2019

  
Name: Jarle Bjerkholt  
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